

# Recycling Newsletter

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### Massachusetts State Law:

#### 310 CMR 19.017:

#### Waste Disposal Ban Reg.

Since December, 1991 Leaves and other 'Yard Waste' are banned from disposal, incineration or transfer for disposal to a solid waste disposal facility.

### Yard Waste Collection

- Curb-side service resumes Monday, **April 2nd**.
- Leaves, grass clippings and brush, must be placed in brown paper "Lawn & Leaf" bags or a labeled barrel.
- 'Yard Waste' labels are available in the Recycling Office or at DPW, 1365 Middlesex Street.
- No plastic bags will be accepted.

## Household Hazardous Waste Day

**Date: Saturday, May 5, 2007 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Place: Cawley Stadium, Douglas Road (off Rogers St)**

### From Workbench:

- Oil based paints
- Stains & Varnishes
- Wood Preservatives
- Paint Strippers
- Paint Thinners
- Solvent Adhesives
- Lighter Fluids

### From Garage:

- Fuels / Gasoline
- Antifreeze, Oil
- Brake & Trans. Fluid
- Car Wax & Polishes
- Car Batteries
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool Chemicals

### From House:

- TV's & Monitors
- Photo Chemicals
- Oven Cleaner
- Spot Remover
- Furniture Polish
- Floor/Metal Polish
- Florescent Bulbs

Bring your mercury fever thermometers to exchange for digital ones...FREE !!

### Rechargeable Batteries

Look for this seal. If you see Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Li-ion or Pb it can be recycled.



### Bring to:

Recycling Office, City Hall, Rm 34  
Radio Shack, 97 Church St.  
Thompson Radio Service, 316 Plain St.

## Spring Holiday Schedule

Monday April 16

Patriot's Day

City Hall Closed

Monday May 28

Memorial Day

City Hall Closed



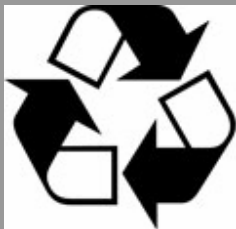
Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

## Recycling Office

Neighborhood Services  
1st Floor, Rm 34  
Lowell City Hall  
375 Merrimack St  
Lowell MA 01852

Phone: 978-446-7277

Email: [recycle@lowellma.gov](mailto:recycle@lowellma.gov)



**Rethink Recycling... It's easier than ever!**

[www.lowellrecycle.org](http://www.lowellrecycle.org)

## RAIN BARREL GRANT FROM DEP

“The **Blue** Barrel for the **Green** Owner.”

Only ¼ inch of rainfall runoff from the average roof will completely fill the typical 55 gal barrel.

**Grant price of \$56.50,**

(40% off the retail price)

Order a barrel through April 16;

Pick-up day is Saturday April 21 (9 a.m. and noon) at the Lowell National Park Maintenance Facility at 220 Aiken Street.

To order a rain barrel, call The New England Rain Barrel Company at 877-977-3135 or order online at

[www.nerainbarrel.com](http://www.nerainbarrel.com)



## Other Contact Information

### BFI/ Allied Waste

Garbage/ Appliances/ Yard Waste/ TV & Monitors  
978-649-7564

### F.W. Russell

Curbside Recycling  
1-888-870-8882 (no calls accepted after 4 PM)

*“A little effort...a BIG difference!”*

## Waste Oil Collection



- Oil is toxic to fish and other animals and plants.
- One quart of oil can contaminate a million gallons of drinking water.
- Undrained oil filters can contain up to 12 ounces of motor oil.
- Return used oil for recycling to the store where you purchased it. Retailers are required to accept used oil for recycling (up to 2 gallons per person per day) if you have the purchase receipt.

**State Used Oil Hotline** with questions or to report retailers who are unwilling to accept used oil from customers who have a receipt -- (617) 556-1022.

**Lowell Waste Oil Collection**, 4th Saturday of each month, April through October, [8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon] at Duck Island Waste Water Treatment Plant, 451 First Street Blvd, Rt. 110.

## Shredded paper can be recycled!

Many shredders are capable of destroying other types of media that contain personal information. If you wish to shred expired credit cards, diskettes, CD ROMs etc, take caution not to contaminate the paper by shredding these items into the paper container. Place the clean paper shreds into a large paper shopping bag, fold over the top and place a few staples in the top to secure it. Then, place the paper bag in or on your curbside recycling bin on garbage day.

## Compost it!

**Composting is a convenient, beneficial and inexpensive way to handle your organic waste and help the environment. Composting:**

- reduces the volume of garbage requiring disposal;
- saves money for you and your community in reduced soil purchases and reduced local disposal costs; and
- enriches the soil. Using compost adds essential nutrients, improves soil structure, which allows better root growth, and increases moisture and nutrient retention in the soil. Plants love compost!

Two types of bins are available (Either for \$35.00).

**Composting Workshop -EARTH DAY- 4/22**

Check the website (or call) for more information.